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Dear Mr Snow:

Please consider this letter a response to the revised CALFED plan to increase Surface Water Storage in the Central Valley.

I oppose the plan which proposes to raise existing dams or build new storage reservoirs, as these plans would flood segments of river valleys or require massive water diversions from the Sacramento River, a river already over-taxed.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch our existing water supplies, rather than to continue to build & expand dams & canals. This could be accomplished by less water demanding crops, using irrigation methods which

lose less water to evaporation and installing water meters to measure water consumption for all users.

I support CALFED's proposed restoration goals for the Central Valley, including dam removal, which would remove barriers for migrating salmon, acquire important riparian habitat, increase stream flow for wildlife, and thwart advanced salination of the San Francisco Bay Delta.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you will make the best choices regarding the CALFED plan.

Sincerely,

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